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B'LURU ON TOP

City's dining and green spaces, shopping, business strength and technological leadership earn it high ranking in world's best cities list

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SAVE OUR SCROLL

Libraries across state use advanced technology to safeguard manuscripts, while conservators battle decay

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Letter to civic agency urging ban on feeding pigeons in public spaces such as parks has thrown open a debate — while doctors warn bird feather and droppings can cause health issues, citizens insist there are ways to let practice continue in controlled conditions

THIS HAS SET THE CAT AMONG PIGEONS

Focus on pollution and other factors weakening immunity too, say experts

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Recent attention to public feeding of pigeons has divided the city. While some citizens point to health risks and are seeking a ban on feeding pigeons in public spaces, others term such a reaction as over the top. BJP MLA and former minister S Suresh Kumar urged the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) in November to impose a ban on feeding pigeons in public parks, citing growing health and environmental concerns. In a letter addressed to GBA Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao, Kumar said that residents had raised complaints about people routinely feeding pigeons at Netaji Park in Basaveshwara Nagar.

He warned that the practice was contributing to a rise in pigeon congregations, which in turn was affecting public hygiene.

"The pollution in the city is already harming the lungs of people and multiple reports have proved that pigeons are harmful for people's health," he wrote, emphasising that exposure to pigeon droppings and dust can lead to respiratory ailments.

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"For many Bengaluru residents, feeding pigeons is a daily act of compassion and tradition. Designated feeding zones with time limits, strict waste-management rules, and education campaigns could address concerns —Veena Ananth, bird lover

Living on the edge

Child's death due to dengue puts spotlight on poor healthcare, sanitation facilities in overcrowded migrant settlements

File photo of a man collecting water from a leaking pipe

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The death of a seven-year-old girl living in a migrant workers' settlement of dengue earlier this week, has brought into focus the growing vulnerability of children and elderly residents in these overcrowded colonies.

Residents say the settlements, often cramped and poorly ventilated, are rented out for ₹3,000– 5,000 a month despite lacking basic sanitation, cleanliness, and mosquito control. Families here earn daily wages, most of which go into rent and food, leaving nothing to save for emergencies. As a result, when illness strikes, they are often unprepared and unable to afford timely medical care.

Earlier, two deaths have been reported from migrant colonies in the East Zone. Families say delayed access to treatment is a major factor, government hospitals often run out of beds, and by the time patients are taken to private facilities, the costs are prohibitive. Many households, already struggling financially, postpone seeking medical care or depend on home remedies, and by the time symptoms escalate, it is often too late.

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THINGS TO DO

01 Artisan treasures

Discover exquisite handlooms, sarees, jewellery, handicrafts, and toys crafted by rural artisans. Enjoy special discounts on handlooms and handicrafts while exploring India's rich traditional artistry. **Where: Bana Shankari Mahila Samaja, Banashankari 2nd Stage; When: December 6 to 14, 10 am to 9 pm**

02 Art celebration

India Art Festival is back in Bengaluru for its th edition, showcasing over 3,000 artworks by 300 artists and 20+ galleries. Highlights include the curated exhibition Brushstrokes of Karnataka, featuring works of 30+ renowned Karnataka artists, alongside the Artists' Pavilion, where emerging talent exhibits with masters. **Where: Crown Pavilions, Palace Ground, Near Mekhri Circle; When: December 12 to 14, 11 am to 8 pm**

03 Odissi extravaganza

Adyasha Foundation presents the 9th edition of its Annual Dance Festival, ShishiraChhanda 2025, celebrating classical Odissi dance and culture. Witness a spectacular evening of performances led by Guru Smt. Sarita Mishra and her disciples. **Where: JSS Auditorium, Jayanagar; When: December 20, 6 pm**

04 Musical heritage

Jagriti presents SwarTaal, its annual festival celebrating Indian classical music and dance. Experience the richness of India's centuries-old classical traditions through this vibrant celebration of music, dance, and theatre. **Where: Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield; When: December 12 to 14, 7:30 pm**

05 Dance milestone

Natyanjali School of Dance presents Rangamilana, the Bharatanatyam Rangapravesham of Ms. Saachi Varun, disciple of Guru Acharya Ashok Kumar. The performance celebrates her years of training, showcasing mastery of technique, expression, and rhythm, honoring the rich heritage of Bharatanatyam. **Where: Dr. D Premachandra Sagar Auditorium & Centre for Performing Arts (DSI), Kumaraswamy Layout; When: December 20, 6 pm**

All roads lead to Bengaluru

City's dining, parks, shopping, business and culture help it bag 29th place in World's Best Cities list

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The city climbs to 29th globally in the 2026 Resonance Consultancy report, driven by Foxconn's $2.8B iPhone campus, lush green spaces, iconic landmarks, and vibrant culinary scene

Bengaluru continues its global ascent, topping the world in family-friendly attractions while excelling in key lifestyle and economic metrics. With standout rankings in dining, green spaces, shopping, business strength and technological leadership, the city cements its place among the world's most admired urban hubs. The city has once again proven why it stands tall as India's best city, now securing a remarkable 29th place globally in the Resonance Consultancy 2026 World's Best Cities Report — the highest ranking for any Indian metro. While Mumbai (40), Delhi (54) and Hyderabad (82) also feature on the list, it is Bengaluru that commands the spotlight, blending technological prowess, cultural depth and natural charm like no other Indian city.

A major driver behind the city's elevated global profile is its powerful economic engine. Bengaluru's #9 ranking in the Business Ecosystem category reflects how it has evolved far beyond its IT origins. The centrepiece of this shift is Foxconn's massive $2.8-billion iPhone 17 manufacturing campus near the airport, which experts say signals the emergence of North Bengaluru as a global electronics manufacturing corridor. "Bengaluru is no longer just writing code; it's shaping the future of global supply chains," says tech expert Varun Murthy. "This transition from software services to high-end production places the city in a league very few metros worldwide can match."

Global rank	Category	Highlights
1	Family-friendly attractions	Bannerghatta Biological Park, Wonderla, leisure destinations
1	Sights & landmarks	Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore Palace, heritage structures
3	Restaurants	Karavalli, Indiranagar & Koramangala experimental kitchens
4	Nature & parks	Lalbagh (240 acres), Cubbon Park (197 acres), Nandi Hills
6	Shopping	UB City luxury, Phoenix Mall of Asia
9	Business ecosystem	North Bengaluru electronics hub, Foxconn $2.8B iPhone 17 campus
19	Global lovability index	Improved infrastructure, new Yellow Line metro

Green magnet

Beyond its boardrooms and tech parks, Bengaluru's green footprint remains one of its strongest global differentiators. Scoring #4 worldwide in Nature & Parks, the city's lush lung spaces — Lalbagh's 240 acres and Cubbon Park's 197 acres — continue to anchor the urban core, while Nandi Hills and the city's lake ecosystem add to its nature-first identity. The report also ranks the city number one globally in Family-Friendly Attractions, powered by Bannerghatta's wildlife experiences and thrill rides. "It's unusual for a major innovation hub to double as a biodiversity centre, but Bengaluru pulls off that balance effortlessly," notes planner Priya D. "It's a rare model the world is now forced to take seriously."

Culture buzz

The city's cultural and lifestyle appeal further strengthens its global standing. Bengaluru's #3 global ranking in Restaurants highlights a food culture that ranges from time-honoured classics like Karavalli to trend-setting culinary labs in Indiranagar and Koramangala. Its #6 position in Shopping showcases the city's expanding retail palette. As always, Bengaluru's icons — Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore Palace, Tipu's Summer Palace — play their part, helping secure a #1 global ranking in Sights & Landmarks, making the city a favourite across social feeds worldwide.

Future ready

What strengthens Bengaluru's case as India's global frontrunner is not just what it is today, but where it is heading. With the new Yellow Line now operational and more transit additions on the way, the city climbs to #19 in the Lovability Index, signalling that despite infrastructure challenges, it remains one of the world's most liveable innovation capitals. "Bengaluru has mastered reinvention," says Murthy. "That's why it keeps leading India — and now it's accelerating into the global big league." As the world takes notice, the city continues to do what it always has: grow, adapt and redefine what an Indian metropolis can aspire to be.

Mobile attendance now mandatory daily

The Karnataka School Education Department has mandated mobile-based attendance registration for all staff under its jurisdiction, warning that failure to register will result in suspension of salary and disciplinary action. The directive covers office units, Deputy Director offices, district education offices, and subordinate offices, with officials instructed to report on implementation progress. The system uses the Karnataka Automated Attendance Management System (KAAMS), ensuring uniform attendance management across government offices, and a WhatsApp group has been created to facilitate mandatory staff registration and daily monitoring. In a related move, the department has issued orders for mandatory biometric Aadhaar updates in schools, targeting students aged five and fifteen. State- and district-level committees have been constituted to oversee the process, with the State Commissioner leading and senior officials from e-Governance, school planning, and PU departments serving as members. **— BMB**

SP grants birthday holiday surprise

Police personnel in Bengaluru South district will now receive a guaranteed day off on their birthdays, along with a personalised greeting letter from the Superintendent of Police — a move that has drawn widespread appreciation within the force. SP Srinivasa Gowda introduced the measure after recognising that many officers, who spend their days and nights safeguarding the public, rarely get the opportunity to celebrate personal milestones with their families.

He has directed DySPs, inspectors, and station heads to ensure that birthday leave is never denied on the grounds of workload or staff shortage, and has also mandated that weekly days off cannot be withheld under any pretext. The SP noted that officers had repeatedly raised these concerns during his station visits, prompting this intervention aimed at easing work-related stress and boosting morale. While similar announcements were made earlier in Bengaluru city, they were never fully implemented. **— BMB**

Egg costs soar across city

Egg prices have risen sharply this season, driven by higher winter consumption and a surge in exports. Retail prices, which usually hover around ₹7–₹7.30 per egg, have climbed to ₹7.50–₹8, while wholesale rates have increased from ₹5.30–₹5.45 to ₹6.75. Karnataka, particularly Bengaluru, previously depended heavily on supplies from Namakkal in Tamil Nadu, but over 70 lakh eggs a day are now being exported to Dubai and other countries, tightening local availability.

With winter boosting daily consumption, early Christmas cake production adding to demand, and Bengaluru's egg-eating population growing by 10–15% annually, supply has struggled to keep pace.

The State currently houses 2.50 crore poultry birds, producing around 2.20 crore eggs daily, of which 25–30 lakh come from the outskirts of Bengaluru and 40–50 lakh from Namakkal. Additional supplies arrive from Hospet, Davangere, Challakere, and parts of Andhra Pradesh. Yet the city alone consumes nearly 90 lakh eggs a day, leaving the market under pressure. Traders say that although production remains steady, rising demand both domestically and overseas has pushed prices up earlier and higher than usual this winter. **— BMB**

7-day rule for Learners' Licence applicants

The Transport Department has announced that applicants seeking a Learner Driving License (LL) in Karnataka must now complete their online learning test within seven days of submitting their application. The service is provided through the centralized Sarathi web-based platform developed by the National Informatics Centre (NIC). Applicants can file their forms using Aadhaar or mobile OTP, upload the necessary documents, pay the prescribed fee, and take the online learning test once their application is verified by the licensing authority. Officials said the initiative supports a fully contactless process, allowing citizens to finish every step from home without visiting any RTO.

As per Rule 11(3) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, failing to attempt the test within seven days will lead to automatic cancellation of the application. The department has issued a final reminder to applicants who have already submitted forms and are yet to take the test, urging them to complete it before December 31, 2025. From January 1, 2026, the seven-day rule will be strictly enforced with no extensions permitted. **–BMB**

Jail warden caught smuggling contraband

Irregularities at Parappana Agrahara Central Prison continue, with alert personnel of the Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF) catching a warden attempting to smuggle contraband into the high-security facility. The accused, Rahul Patil, was allegedly found carrying cigarettes and banned narcotic material hidden inside his undergarments. The incident occurred around 6.50 pm on Friday at the prison's main entrance after the metal detector repeatedly beeped during routine frisking. A detailed check led to the recovery of two packets of Gold Flake Kings cigarettes and 60 grams of a paper-like narcotic substance suspected to be meant for inmates.

Prison Superintendent Paramesh filed a complaint and immediately suspended Patil, while Parappana Agrahara police registered a case under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. Officials said Patil joined the Prison Department in 2018, serving earlier at Belagavi Central Prison before being transferred to Bengaluru on June 29, 2025. The case highlights recurring concerns over contraband circulation inside the jail. **–BMB**

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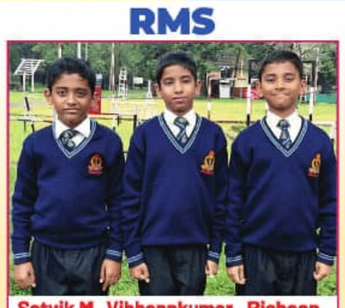
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GBA's ₹3 lakh per month for dog shelters 'inadequate'

Welfare groups caution inadequate funds could create overcrowded, unhygienic shelters, compromising animal health, safety, long-term wellbeing citywide

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The Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has worked out a budget of Rs 3 lakh per month to manage 100 dogs at shelters being created to house strays from institutional premises, sources said. The funds required for managing these dogs will reportedly be diverted from other projects, such as the ongoing program to microchip stray dogs.

"Since this project was not part of the annual budget, funds need to be diverted from other planned activities, such as microchipping. For monthly maintenance of 100 dogs, GBA is looking at a budget of Rs 3 lakh," said a source.

Broken down, this comes to Rs 100 per dog per day. City-based non-profits running dog shelters say this amount is insufficient even for the daily food requirement as outlined in the standard operating procedure (SOP) recently issued by the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI).

Shelter staff, cleaning, medical expenses overlooked in GBA budget plan

Following a Supreme Court order on managing stray dogs within institutional premises, AWBI issued a circular on November 27 detailing the SOP for implementation. The SOP mandates that dogs be fed responsibly based on weight, size, and other factors. Caretakers should be assigned to each shelter for waste management, and shelters must be cleaned twice daily to prevent infection and maintain hygiene.

Each shelter should have a 24-hour watchman, cleaners as needed, a caretaker for feeding, and staff for other management tasks depending on the number of dogs. Puppies must receive 3–4 meals per day, while adults should get at least two meals. The area of a shelter for 100 dogs should be at least 2,800 sq ft, including kennels and other facilities. "One hundred rupees per dog per day is far too low. We feed street dogs daily, and two meals cost around Rs 90–100. Healthcare, salaries for caretakers and cleaners, and other infrastructure will be extra. With such a budget, GBA is cutting corners to the next level. This will only lead to hungry, sick dogs and hygiene issues," said Harini Raghavan of Citizens for Animal Birth Control, who also feeds community dogs.

Sudha Narayanan, founder trustee of CARE, an animal welfare NGO, said low budgets will turn shelters into death traps. Even if

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food is bought in bulk at subsidised rates, Rs 100 per dog per day is impractical. "Even at subsidised rates, two meals cost around Rs 70 per dog. Some animals need medical care costing Rs 500–600 per day. The rest won't even cover cleaning materials. With this budget, animals will get inadequate food, their health will suffer, and shelters will be unhygienic. Relocation is inevitable under the SC order, but at least the animals deserve a comfortable life," said Narayanan.

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IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

BM had reported on December 6 about the unfeasibility of new orders issued to ABC centres

New plant promises relief from leachate disaster

Bengaluru's long-standing waste crisis may finally see relief as the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) has approved a ₹474.89-crore project to build a dedicated leachate treatment plant at Mittaganahalli and Kannur. The contract has been awarded with a condition that the agency must complete the plant within nine months and treat an estimated 2,878 million litres of accumulated leachate over the next four years. With the city generating 5,800 metric tonnes of waste daily—3,800 MT of wet waste and 2,000 MT of dry waste—decades of dumping at these sites have created massive pools of toxic leachate, contaminating lakes, lands, fish habitats and posing serious health risks to nearby villages.

With no functional landfill currently available in the Greater Bengaluru Authority limits, heavy rains have caused leachate pits to overflow, worsening pollution. An official said the new plant will process leachate using biological and chemical systems such as aeration and reverse osmosis, converting harmful wastewater into reusable water for gardening, vehicle washing and, in specific cases, lake replenishment. With BSWML now responsible for waste collection, transport and processing, officials say the project will curb environmental damage and free up land for future waste-management needs, offering long-awaited relief to affected communities.

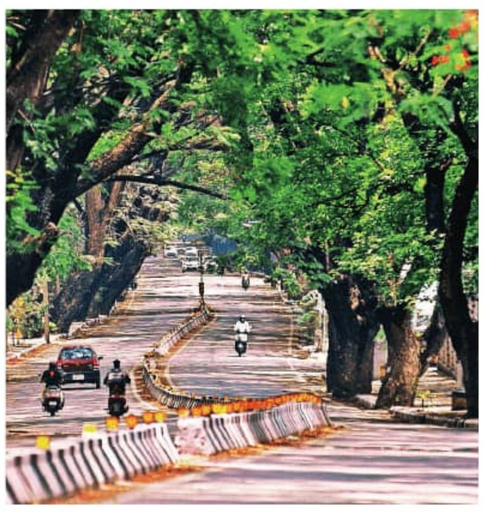
B'luru south tops city's hazardous tree count

Bengaluru South leads the city with 316 hazardous trees, followed by Bengaluru West (250), North (220), East (240), and South-East (120) zones, according to a 15-day survey by the Greater Bengaluru Authority. So far, a total of 1,146 dangerous trees have been identified across the city, prompting urgent safety measures.

The survey comes after rising incidents of deaths and injuries caused by falling trees and branches. Urbanisation, including road and drain construction and other activity, has weakened many trees, making them prone to collapse. The city recorded eight fatalities due to falling trees in the last two years (2024–25 to 2025–26), underscoring the need for immediate action.

Survey methodology

To assess the threat, the Authority appointed eight graduates in forestry and botany on a two-month contract. Teams were trained by experts from the Institute of Wood Science and Technology (IWST) and provided with a seven-page data format to document each tree's condition. Information recorded includes location, GPS coordinates, photographs, tree type, and risk factors such as termite infestation, fire damage, drying, and weakened roots.



Action plan

Officials aim to complete the survey by January-end, identifying all hazardous trees and the reasons behind their deterioration. A senior official said, "The data will allow us to take measures to prevent accidents. We are tracking trees across bus stops, footpaths, parks, and other public areas to ensure safety. The survey focuses on removing or treating dangerous trees before the monsoon and high-wind periods, prioritising the zones with the highest counts Bengaluru South and West." — BMB

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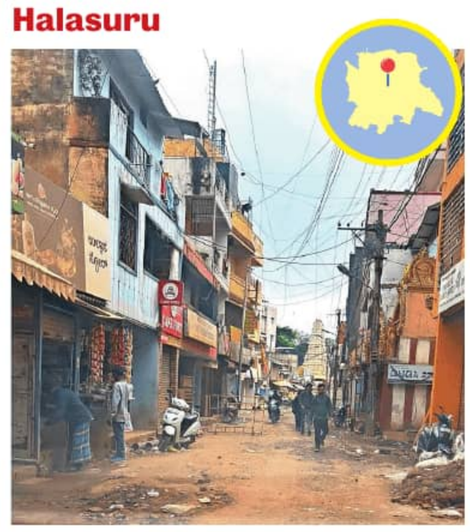

Sewage work is underway near the BSNL/Hilton stretch on Halasuru Road without any signage or public notice, leading to severe traffic confusion and raising concerns over mismanagement by BBMP and GBA Central Zone.

Risky walkway

Nakkundi

The footpath at Nakkundi Junction near Marathahalli Market on the main road is in dangerous, neglected condition, posing a serious risk to pedestrians.

Road blockage

Pottery Town

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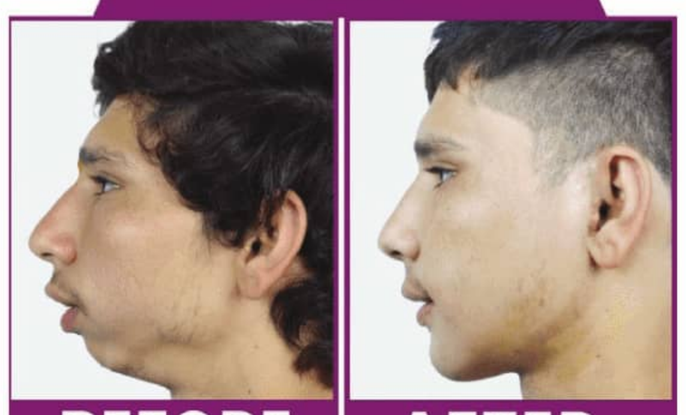

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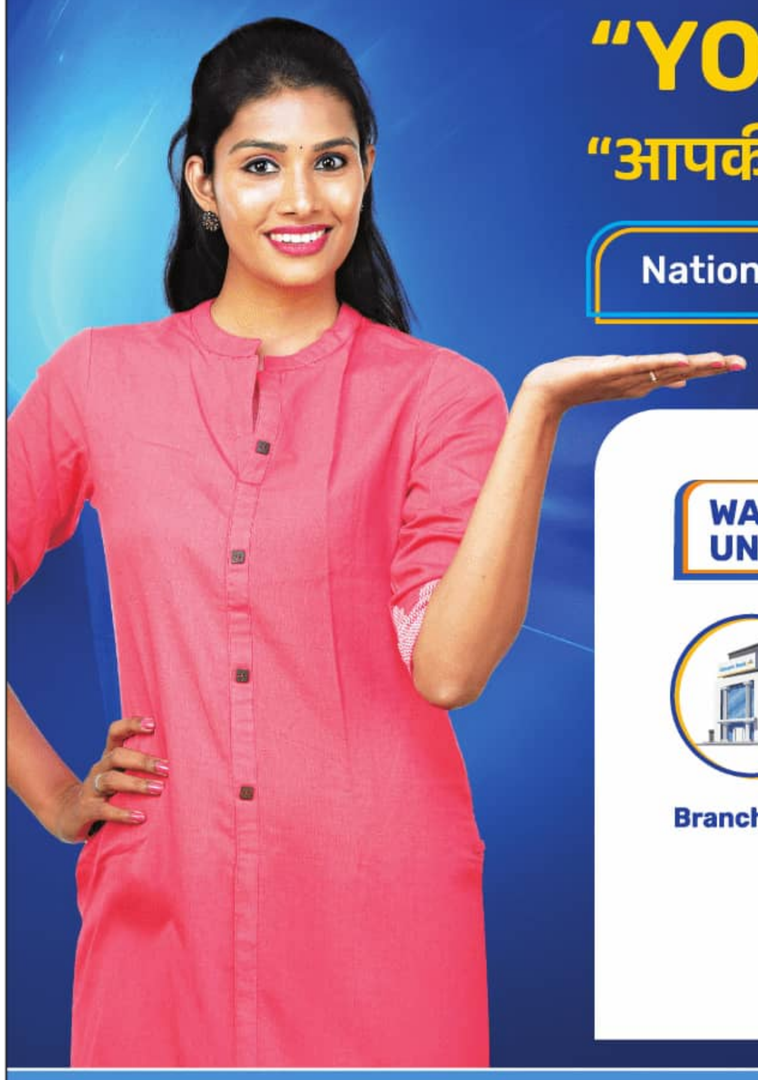

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Monsoon rain boosts groundwater, reviving depleted aquifers

Shallow aquifers show marked recovery this October, with experts linking the rise to sustained rainfall and renewed water-body rejuvenation across key regions

Rainfall departures of up to 77 percent in rural taluks strengthened natural recharge, contributing significantly to recovering groundwater levels this season

Fresh KSNDMC data reveals a sharp rise in groundwater levels following widespread monsoon showers. Experts attribute the inprovement to slow, steady rains and ongoing lake revival efforts enchancing natural recharge

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The monthly groundwater levels recorded by the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre (KSNDMC) show that in October this year, the water table in multiple taluks has improved considerably. Compared to last year, groundwater levels in two taluks — Bengaluru East and Anekal — have risen by more than four metres below ground level. In Bengaluru South, Yelahanka and Doddaballapura, the levels have improved by nearly two metres. However, in Nelamangala, Bengaluru West, Hoskote and Devanahalli, a slight drop of up to two metres below ground level has been recorded.

Overall, groundwater in most parts of Bengaluru Urban and Rural is now available at depths between 20 and 40 metres. In Bengaluru South and Bengaluru West, the water table has risen further and is currently at around 10 to 20 metres below ground level.

Experts attribute the improvement in aquifer levels to above-average rainfall during this year's southwest monsoon. A city-based hydrologist said the aquifers monitored by KSNDMC are mostly shallow and therefore respond quickly to rainfall. Slow, steady rains during several days of the monsoon season likely aided better percolation and recharge. The ongoing rejuvenation of lakes across Bengaluru may also be contributing to the rise, the hydrologist added.

Rainfall data from KSNDMC supports this assessment. In August, rainfall in Bengaluru Rural taluks fell under the "large excess" category, while Bengaluru Urban taluks recorded "excess" rainfall. Bengaluru Rural district saw a 77 per cent departure from normal rainfall, and Bengaluru Urban taluks recorded a 29 per cent departure. Statewide, Karnataka received 260 mm of rainfall against a normal of 220 mm during the month, reflecting an 18 per cent positive departure.

Officials say continued monitoring will help determine whether the improvement sustains through the coming months, especially as dependence on groundwater remains high across the region.

Court freezes site after activist exposes builder's alleged forged land document

Judge orders immediate halt at Chikka Banahalli project as complaint links developer to falsified approval supposedly issued by Bengaluru Urban authorities

Complaint claims government land and village pathways were taken over using counterfeit documents, triggering judicial scrutiny of the builder's permissions

A special court has demanded a full official report after claims that a leading builder used counterfeit papers to occupy public land, while police face pressure to register an FIR over alleged government inaction

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The Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court has issued a temporary injunction ordering a stay on the construction work undertaken by a prominent builder at Chikkabanahalli village, Bidarahalli Hobli, in Bengaluru East Taluk. The court has also directed the Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban and the Bengaluru East Taluk Tahsildar to submit a status report.

The Revenue Member of the Land Grabbing Prohibition Special Court issued the temporary injunction order against the builder based on a complaint lodged by Paramesh, a social activist, alleging that the builder had encroached upon government land, including pathways, by producing a fake document allegedly issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban.

"Issue a temporary injunction against Respondent No. 1 or anybody claiming through Respondent No. 1, restraining them from carrying out construction on the scheduled property as prayed in IA No. 1 until the next date of hearing. Issue emergent notice along with the notice of the main petition to Respondent No. 1 through Speed Post if proper steps are taken by the complainant. The complainant is hereby directed to comply with the provisions of Order 39 Rule 2(a) of the CPC. Issue directions to the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Urban District, as well as the Tahsildar, Bengaluru East Taluk, to submit a status report regarding the allegations made in the complaint, including whether there is any encroachment, the nature and extent of such encroachment, and the name and address of the encroachers, along with the relevant survey sketch, on the next date of hearing without fail," the court order read.

The court has adjourned the hearing of the case to March 3, 2026.

Meanwhile, Paramesh V, the complainant, lodged a complaint with Kadugodi Police on November 10, requesting the registration of a First Information Report (FIR) against the Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner and the Bengaluru East Taluk Tahsildar for deliberate inaction, dereliction of duty, abetment, and criminal conspiracy under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023.

"The builder has used a forged document allegedly issued by the Deputy Commissioner to obtain the required permission from the competent authorities. When contacted, the Deputy Commissioner's Office stated that no such order dated June 1, 2022 had been issued by the Deputy Commissioner. It is nothing but a forgery. I approached Kadugodi Police to register an FIR against the Deputy Commissioner and the Tahsildar. The police received my complaint but have not lodged an FIR till date," Paramesh said.

State tightens rules on death certification

Karnataka has introduced stricter rules to improve the accuracy of cause-of-death reporting, as only a quarter of registered deaths in the state are medically certified. Under the amended Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, all government and private hospitals must now file Medical Certificates of Cause of Death (Form 4) exclusively through the e-JanMa system. Doctors attending deaths outside medical institutions must issue Form 4A free of cost to families. Registrars are tasked with ensuring timely submissions, guiding families on obtaining the correct forms, and forwarding all certificates monthly. A district-level review mechanism will monitor compliance and data quality. **–BMB**

Govt lets TET teachers take higher classes

The State government has approved a major policy change allowing graduate teachers in government primary schools to teach Classes 6 and 7, in addition to Classes 1 to 5. In a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the government relaxed the requirement of a separate Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) certificate for those already qualified in relevant subjects. The decision addresses long-standing concerns of career stagnation and inequity, benefiting more than 1.5 lakh teachers who were previously restricted despite holding degrees and experience. Chandrashekhar Nugali, President of the State Primary School Teachers' Association, welcomed the move, noting that TET-qualified graduates had been unfairly limited to lower primary levels. Teachers now expect corresponding amendments to pay scales and service rules for higher primary cadres. **-BMB**

Aspirants oppose Transport dept rule tweak

The Transport Department is moving to amend recruitment rules for Motor Vehicle Inspector posts by removing the requirement of three years' experience after obtaining the necessary educational qualification for promotions. The proposed change has triggered strong opposition from aspirants, who argue it would disadvantage diploma holders and those who currently meet the existing criteria. Officials have been directed to review the rules and submit revised proposals, even as investigations continue into allegations that some clerical staff purchased diploma certificates to secure promotions. With concerns over fairness and transparency growing, aspirants plan to stage protests during the Belagavi Assembly session beginning December 8, urging the government to reconsider the amendment and protect the interests of qualified candidates. **-BMB**

Trust flags illegal roadwork in sanctuary

Green Lives Shimoga Trust has raised serious concerns over the construction of a retaining wall and road-widening work by the PWD on State Highway-52 inside the Mookambika Wildlife Sanctuary, alleging the activity is illegal. In a complaint to the Union Environment Ministry, the Trust states that the Kudremukh Wildlife Division is violating the Wildlife Protection Act, Forest Conservation Act and Environment Protection Act.

According to the Trust, the PWD is misrepresenting the widening as "repairs and retaining wall construction for slope protection," while the work threatens a key wildlife corridor in the Western Ghats. The Trust highlights that there is an active proposal to upgrade SH-52 into a National Highway, and that strengthening of a 1.3-km stretch in 2021–22 was carried out without mandatory permissions despite the area falling within the Eco-Sensitive Zone. Minutes of the Mookambika Sanctuary Monitoring Committee reportedly confirm that no approval application was submitted. Activities lack clearances, rendering them illegal. **-BMB**

THE SUNDAY READ

They guard pages of history

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In climate-controlled rooms across the city and other towns, scholars, archivists and technologists are racing against time. Their mission is as fragile as the palm leaves they touch — to rescue India's ancient knowledge before it crumbles into dust. From Bangalore University's repositories to Mysuru's legendary Oriental Research Institute, a silent cultural revolution is unfolding, bringing centuries-old manuscripts into the digital age. Families of brittle palm leaves, bound with thread, and stacks of yellowing handmade paper may appear lifeless. But for the experts handling them, they are living conversations with the past — conversations they refuse to let fade.

Ancient legacy

The Comprehensive Report on Indian Heritage, Manuscript Preservation and Digitalisation, Government of Karnataka, highlights Karnataka's remarkable manuscript landscape: palm-leaf, birch-bark and handmade-paper texts covering Ayurveda, mathematics, temple architecture, philosophy, grammar, statecraft and regional history. These manuscripts house timeless works such as the Arthashastra, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Sushruta Samhita, Aryabhatiyaand Natya Shastra. Alongside them rest rare Kannada and pan-South Indian compositions that reflect everyday life, spiritual thought and scientific enquiry. Scholars regard these manuscripts as India's cultural DNA — delicate vessels carrying the intellectual heartbeat of past civilisations.

Fragile past

The report underscores just how perilous the survival of these manuscripts is. Palm leaves darken and crack under humidity, pests infiltrate storage, and acidic decay eats through paper. Fires and floods have already claimed countless works. Conservators face steep challenges, often performing intricate tasks such as de-acidification, tissue repair and lamination. Precision-controlled storage environments are essential, yet the sheer volume of manuscripts means specialists are always racing against time. Every neglected leaf represents knowledge on the brink of disappearance.

Digital leap

Karnataka's rescue strategy hinges on digitalisation, the most powerful modern shield for ancient memory. High-resolution scanning captures the textual and visual essence of manuscripts, ensuring their survival even if the originals deteriorate. The report states that digitised volumes allow global access, inviting researchers, educators and curious readers to explore India's heritage from anywhere. Emerging technologies like OCR and Handwritten Text Recognition, though still evolving for scripts such as Nandinagari, Grantha and Tigalari, promise new research possibilities. The report affirms that pairing digital innovation with traditional scholarship is the future of manuscript preservation.

Advanced scanning, careful restoration, and systematic cataloguing allow Karnataka's historic manuscripts to endure, bridging centuries of forgotten knowledge with modern access

The Oriental Research Institute (ORI) stands at the heart of Karnataka's efforts. Established in 1891, ORI houses 70,000 manuscripts and 45,000 rare books, including treasures such as the Arthashastra and the illustrated Sritattvanidhi. The Comprehensive Report notes ORI's major digitisation push through collaborations with the Bengaluru-based Mythic Society and Save Our Country Foundation, resulting in tens of thousands of digital records. ORI has also signed an MoU with the Mahabharata Pratishthanam in Bengaluru and is preparing to launch a new website for global access. Experiments in scanning damaged manuscripts are showing early success, signalling a new era for manuscript conservation in Karnataka.

According to the report, Bengaluru forms the operational hub of Karnataka's archival ecosystem. The Karnataka State Archives, established in 1973, preserves administrative records, maps, letters and photographs dating back to 1811, documenting the evolution from the Mysore kingdom to modern Karnataka. At the Karnataka State Sanskrit University, 86 of 126 manuscripts have been digitised, and weekly educational sessions introduce schoolchildren to manuscript culture. Bangalore University's Kannada Adhyayana Kendra safeguards 8,563 manuscripts and is preparing for mass digitisation. Together, these Bengaluru institutions anchor the state's research, training and public-outreach efforts, making the city a vital centre for heritage revival.

Across Karnataka, numerous institutions strengthen this preservation grid. The report details how Kannada University, Hampi, has gathered 4,000 manuscripts and documented more than 50,718, including works such as Nammis Bharata and Shivadhikya Ratnavali. At Kuvempu University, Shivamogga, the Keladi Museum holds 1,400 manuscripts and has documented 14,808 more, while preserving art objects and inscriptions from the Vijayanagara and Keladi eras. The Institute of Kannada Studies in Hubballi has digitised a staggering 700,000 palm-leaf manuscripts — one of India's largest such efforts. The National Institute of Prakrit Studies at Shravanabelagola maintains 6,000 manuscripts and 20,000 printed volumes, contributing more than 50,000 entries to the National Electronic Database of Manuscripts, making it a global hub for Jain studies. Bengaluru's Mahabharata Samshodhana Pratishthanam has documented 59,886 manuscripts, adding yet another layer to Karnataka's archival strength.

The Government of Karnataka's Comprehensive Report outlines ambitious next steps: establishing a National Centre for the History of Indian Sciences at ORI; training digital archivists; expanding digitisation capacity; and adopting AI-driven tools for ancient-script recognition and metadata tagging. With new technology, institutional partnerships and statewide coordination, Karnataka aims not only to preserve manuscripts but also to reintroduce them into academic, cultural and public life.

The report makes one theme clear: every manuscript saved is a conversation rescued from silence. Karnataka's fusion of digital tools, traditional scholarship and grassroots initiatives shows how ancient knowledge can be protected without being frozen in time. In laboratories and libraries across the state, centuries-old pages are breathing again — proving that India's oldest wisdom can thrive in the modern world if we choose to listen.

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– From a K'taka Govt report

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FIREY LILY BLOSSOMS

Our reader shares a vibrant image of a fiery lily blooming in a quiet corner of M S Engineering College, its yellow and crimson petals glowing like a sunrise. Captured in full flourish, the flower's radiant hues breathe life into the campus breeze—reminding us that even in places of logic and learning, nature pursues its own graceful engineering.

The picture was clicked by BM reader **Vijaykumar H K**

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DID YOU KNOW?

China's first crewed spacecraft to be deemed unfit for flight mid-mission will be sent back to Earth without astronauts so experts can assess the damage it sustained, state broadcaster CCTV reported on Monday. The Shenzhou-20 spacecraft had been scheduled to return its crew on November 5 after a six-month stay aboard the Tiangong space station. But moments before undocking, astronauts discovered a crack in the return capsule's window — triggering China's first-ever mid-mission delay in its human spaceflight programme. With Shenzhou-20 grounded, the crew returned nine days later in another spacecraft, temporarily leaving Tiangong without a flightworthy return vehicle. China's space programme responded by carrying out its first emergency launch on November 25 to restore evacuation capability for the station.

The fate of the damaged Shenzhou-20 had remained uncertain. Ji Qiming, spokesperson for the China Manned Space Agency, confirmed it will return autonomously to Earth to "obtain the most authentic experimental data". Jia Shijin, one of the spacecraft's designers, said the crack was likely caused by sub-millimetre debris travelling at extreme speed. Engineers delayed the mission fearing the crack could spread, risking depressurisation and potentially fatal life-support failure. **— Reuters**

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Meenakshi Temple Road turns hazardous, chaotic

Residents say the battered road, rampant dumping and illegal parking are crippling movement, creating bottlenecks, posing serious risks to commuters and schoolchildren daily

Meenakshi Temple Road, at the intersection of Bannerghatta Main Road, has turned into a veritable dumping ground for hazardous waste, residents say. "The road is almost broken, with steel rods exposed beneath the cracked surface, and the footpath is riddled with gaping holes," said Atul Kedia, a chartered accountant and local resident. "It's a risky proposition for anyone walking or driving here."

Residents say the chaos worsens on religious days, when vehicles line up along one side of the already narrow street, creating complete traffic bottlenecks for surrounding neighbourhoods. The road is a crucial access route for several residential complexes, including Classic Orchards, Four Seasons Apartment and Orchards Square, which together house more than 500 flats. "School buses, heavy construction vehicles for the nearby metro station and residents all use this road," said Rekha S, a resident of Classic Orchards. "Once a heavy vehicle gets stuck, the entire stretch shuts down."

The problem has persisted for nearly six months despite minor attempts to remove debris. Locals point out that the road has increasingly become a throughfare connecting Kothanur Road with Bannerghatta Road via Classic Orchards Trunk Road, worsening congestion during peak morning and evening hours, especially during school bus timings, causing significant delays for hundreds of commuters daily.

Despite repeated complaints, debris and dumped barricades still choke the route, creating severe delays for buses, residents and metro construction vehicles

Exacerbating the issue is the lack of parking discipline. Though the Meenakshi Temple reportedly has adequate parking space, residents allege that its gates are often kept closed, pushing motorists to park along the side road. "They have the space, yet everyone is forced onto the street," said a nearby shop owner. Residents also say there is no possibility of widening the stretch, as one side is flanked by the temple and the other by a church, both with solid boundary walls. "Even if authorities want to, they can't make this a double-lane road," said Kedia.

For daily commuters, the situation has become unbearable. "I avoid this road whenever I can," said Priya N, a mother of two. "The potholes, parked vehicles and waste make it a nightmare." Residents are urging civic authorities to clear the hazardous waste, enforce parking rules and initiate long-term structural measures before the road claims a serious injury, stressing the urgent need for coordinated intervention. **— BMB**

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Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande friendship misunderstood: Fake semi-binary rumours explained

Claim: Online posts allege Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande are in a "semi-binary relationship," citing a viral quote claiming Erivo described their bond as a "non-demi-curious semi-binary" partnership. Speculation grew after affectionate interactions during Wicked: For Good promotions fueled dating rumours.

Fact: Pink News confirmed the relationship claim is false and originated from a satire page, The Lamented. The actresses are not romantically involved; Grande is dating Ethan Slater, while Erivo, who is queer and bisexual, is dating Lena Waithe. Their closeness reflects genuine friendship, not romance.

Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande are currently facing a wave of online misinformation claiming they are in a "semi-binary relationship." The rumours surfaced after the two actresses, who recently dealt with a "serial intruder" at the Wicked: For Good Singapore premiere, were repeatedly seen displaying affectionate body language during the film's promotional tour. Their closeness, frequently captured in photos and videos, has prompted some social media users to speculate about a romantic relationship.

Some commenters even labelled their behaviour "creepy." Ariana Grande responded by explaining that she often touches people she feels close to because she likes to "channel support" and "energy" through her hands. Despite this clarification, a viral fake post falsely claimed that Erivo had coined a term for their bond, calling it a "non-demi-curious semi-binary relationship." The post attempted to legitimise the claim by linking demigender to a partly nonbinary identity and defining semi-binary as a mix of binary and nonbinary gender experiences. It also included a fabricated quote from Erivo suggesting they were "curious" about what a romantic relationship might mean.

Pink News later confirmed the entire claim was fabricated. The fake post originated from The Lamented, a Facebook page explicitly dedicated to satire. The page's bio—describing itself as a place "where truth goes to die and sarcasm reigns supreme"—makes clear that its content is fictional. The same page also jokingly suggested that Grande and Erivo blamed Ozempic for "erasing plus-sized women from society," a satirical jab at ongoing commentary about their appearances.

In reality, Ariana Grande is dating her Wicked co-star Ethan Slater, while Cynthia Erivo, who came out as queer and bisexual in British Vogue in August 2022, is in a relationship with actress and producer Lena Waithe. This incident mirrors previous misinformation, such as false claims that singe r Sam Smith was "semibisexual." Reports from Reality Tea portray Grande and Erivo as deeply bonded friends, with Grande even skipping interviews when Erivo felt unwell. Although Star Magazine claimed their friendship is an "act" and allegedly turned "toxic," insiders told the Daily Mail the opposite—that their bond is genuine, protective and sisterly. However, some speculate their friendship may shift after the Wicked promotions conclude, as often happens in Hollywood.

— ET Online

'We have been living in hell'

Illegal construction dispute blows up, citizens allege death threats and danger

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IN FOCUS
Crime file

Several citizens have alleged severe harassment, intimidation, death threats against them at the hands of three men, over illegal appropriation of flats in BTM Layout. Despite registration of FIRs and meeting higher authorities, the victims claim they are still living in fear.

The residents of Royal Manor Apartment in BTM Layout First Stage said they have been facing this since July. The victims have approached the DIG of police and filed a complaint.

It is alleged that Mohammed Sadiq, Akram Khan and Umar have forcefully taken control of the apartment premises and have been issuing threats to residents, including children. The issue began when one of the residents of the apartment complex obtained a stay order from the Karnataka High Court against unauthorised construction in the building.

The victim, who owns two flats in Royal Manor, stated that the original BBMP approval was for 16 flats, but an additional floor and terrace space were illegally built by a third party. When they went to court, the trio allegedly began harassing them, claiming influence through MLA Ramalinga Reddy.

Intimidation tactics allegedly began after residents went to court after third party illegally built additional floor and terrace though original BBMP approval at apartment complex was for just 16 flats

The residents reportedly also approached Minister Reddy's office, and the minister's staff responded by instructing SJ Palya police to take action against the accused. But the victims claim no action was taken.

One of the victims told BM that the accused also filed a counter complaint, but as there was no evidence, the case was dropped.

"When the harassment continued, we approached the South East DCP, after which a Section 107 proceeding was initiated. The three individuals deposited 1 lakh and signed a peace bond, promising not to create any disturbances for a year. However, they have now resumed their harassment. In addition to us, around 8 to 9 other flat owners are also facing similar trouble from them."

The victims allege the threats escalated in recent weeks, one of the residents, Salman, has even received a video of a murder with a death threat attached. Salman, who lodged a formal complaint with the police, alleges he and his family received direct death threats thereafter. He said they harassed his family members including his three-year-old child and mother.

"We have been living in hell. We are scared to step out. We are mentally exhausted, we don't know what to do or where to go," a victim shared. Another victim alleged that the DCP was rude to them for approaching the minister and senior authorities.

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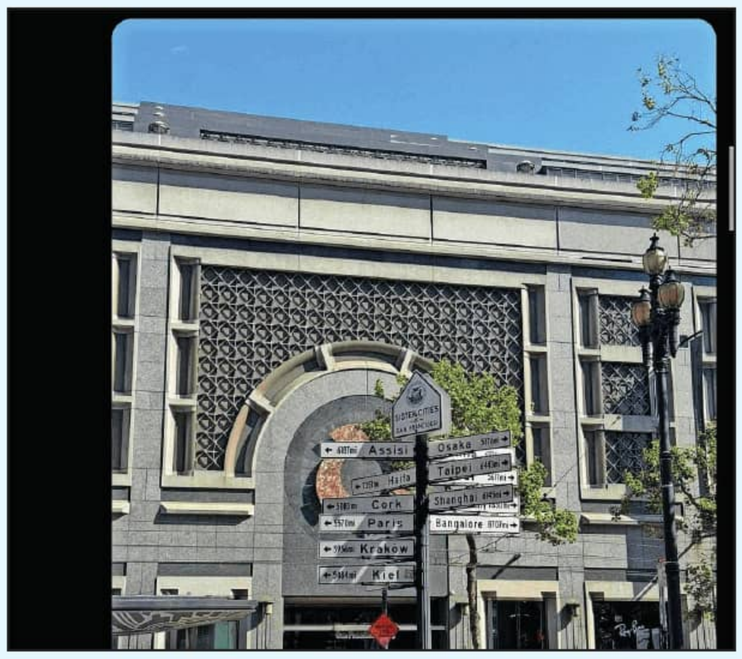

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A X user finds a story in BM interesting: Ulsoor temple halts marriages as divorce cases are on the rise.

INBRIEF

Cashless treatment elusive amid accidents

In the first ten months of 2025, the state recorded 42,631 accident-related injuries and 7,984 deaths, underscoring a worsening road-safety crisis. Poor road conditions, persistent rains, and widespread potholes have contributed to a sharp rise in crashes across districts. Despite the alarming numbers, there is still no clarity on how many victims received cashless treatment—a facility mandated by the government to ensure timely care during the golden hour.

Hospitals were instructed to provide cashless treatment up to ₹1.5 lakh for accident victims, with penalties for refusal. Yet ground reports show many hospitals continue to demand advance payments, forcing families to scramble for money while precious minutes are lost. As accidents rise and implementation gaps persist, the divide between policy and reality continues to cost lives. **–BMB**

Crackdown ordered on errant officers

Amid rising public outrage over reports linking some police personnel to criminal activities, State Police Chief Dr MA Saleem issued a stern warning to all officers and staff. He stressed such behaviour undermines public trust and damages the department's credibility. In his letter, he noted involvement in crimes erodes confidence in law enforcement and raises doubts about the justice system. He instructed unit heads to review personnel backgrounds, assess performance, provide training, and take strict action against anyone found engaged in criminal acts. **–BMB**

Sharp decline in city tax collections

Property tax collection across the five city corporations under the newly formed Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) has dropped sharply, with only ₹325.75 crore collected in the first three months—far below the ₹26,700-crore annual target. After the formation of GBA and the new city corporations on September 2, and with staff deployed for the state's social and educational census, tax recovery slowed considerably. Collections stood at ₹3,259.57 crore in early September but increased only to ₹3,585.32 crore by late November, a drop of ₹601 crore (16%) compared to November 2024, when BBMP had collected ₹4,298 crore. Area-wise gains between September 6 and November 29 were modest: Bengaluru Central ₹61.03 crore, East ₹69.19 crore, North ₹71.84 crore, South ₹68.58 crore, and West ₹55.09 crore. Officials said September was spent restructuring and assigning staff, while October and part of November went into survey duties and pending tasks like e-Khata processing. **–BMB**

Deputy CM terms EOW notice harassment

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Saturday described the Delhi Police notice seeking his financial and transactional details in the National Herald case as "harassment" and said he would challenge it legally.

Shivakumar, also Karnataka Congress chief, questioned the need for a separate police probe when the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had already filed a chargesheet. The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) notice states that Shivakumar "supposedly has vital information" in the case registered on October 3 against Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi. "It is very shocking. I have provided all details to the ED. My brother D K Suresh and I have supported our party institutions. Everything is in black and white. There is nothing hidden," he said. Speaking to reporters, he added, "After the ED filed a chargesheet, there was no need for the police to register a separate case. We will take it to court and fight it. It is being done to harass Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and others. I condemn it." The EOW notice, dated November 29, summons Shivakumar to appear or provide information by December 19. He said he will examine the legal implications before responding. **–PTI**

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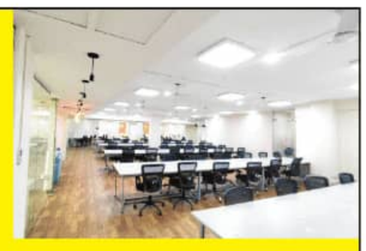

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Public feeding of pigeons: For or against?

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Bangalore Mirror spoke to ecologist and ornithologist Krishna MB, who has been interested in bird and habitat conservation and improvement, about this. According to him, this move is being driven by alarmist sentiment and a few cases are being blown out of proportion. He noted that while humans feeding pigeons does not alter their behaviour, the consistent supply of food acts as a factor that may drive their population up as it naturally increases their survival.

He busted a common misconception of pigeon overpopulation affecting other bird species in urban spaces, explaining that every bird has its own niche and they rarely overlap. "Pigeons are cliff birds. They are often found on multi-storeyed buildings because they simulate cliffs," he said. He suggested that while rules can be implemented to curb feeding in public spaces, feeders must be encouraged to feed on the roofs of their buildings.

In Kumar's letter, he urges the civic body to issue clear guidelines and enforce restrictions in public parks. He also stressed the need to create awareness among citizens about the health hazards associated with feeding pigeons in crowded urban spaces.

"Urban pigeon overpopulation has emerged as an underrecognised environmental health hazard. The fine particulate matter generated from droppings and feathers contaminates indoor air and predisposes residents to chronic respiratory illness. The immunologic response to avian proteins and fungal antigens found in pigeon debris can mimic other interstitial lung diseases, often leading to delayed diagnosis and progressive fibrosis. We are seeing an increasing subset of patients with unexplained dyspnea, hypoxia, and ground-glass opacities on imaging, later traced back to chronic pigeon exposure—highlighting the need for detailed environmental history in respiratory evaluation," said Dr Darshana Reddy, Altius Hospital.

She noted that once pulmonary fibrosis develops secondary to pigeon exposure, the damage is largely irreversible making early recognition and cessation of exposure remain the only effective preventive strategies. "ICU admissions are necessary for severe respiratory failure following exposure to pigeon nests or droppings, especially in immunocompromised or elderly individuals, underscoring the potential for acute exacerbations," she said.

Animal activist Arun Prasad, however, noted that the government is yet to recognise any disease arising due to the existence of pigeons in mass. "Under Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009 (India), any said diseases caused by pigeons are yet to be recognised. The zoonotic disease must be recognised and notified by the government first, before taking harsh measures as a ban. This has not been done by the ministries concerned yet," he said.

He noted that the feeding behaviour has existed from centuries.

"Article 51 says that it is the duty of citizens to show compassion to their fellow beings. There are no natural alternatives for pigeons to feed on in an urban setting either — we've driven all the vegetation to the outskirts of the city. The approach must be ecocentric and not anthropocentric. We are bound by Constitutional duty to protect our animals and environment," he said.

Krishna also said that though pigeon dung can carry fungi and lead to airborne issues, this is not a common disease. "Other factors such as pollution and the weakening of immunity during our times that have much more significant consequences on one's health are often sidelined." He said that if the birds are fed on roofs, the roofs can be washed and the debris can be cleared leaving no room for transfer.

When asked if an outright ban will drive pigeons to starvation or if the species would likely adapt, Krishna said that it would drive their population outside the city in search of food. He further noted that religious sentiments of desert communities must be taken into account as they consider the feeding habit a good deed.

"For many Bengaluru residents, feeding pigeons is a daily act of compassion and tradition. Designated feeding zones with time limits, strict waste-management rules, and education campaigns could address concerns without a blanket ban," said Veena Ananth, a bird lover.

Treatments unaffordable and BPL cards scarce

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Health crisis

Many migrant workers from West Bengal, Assam and other states come to Bengaluru in search of better opportunities. Here, they take up daily-wage jobs as garbage collectors, construction labourers, or domestic workers, with many women doing household chores such as cooking and cleaning.

Across the city, thousands of these workers live in makeshift tents or tin-sheet settlements on unused plots, often paying about ₹5,000 a month for spaces with no drainage, waste management, or regular fogging, conditions that make mosquito breeding inevitable.

Health workers warn that in such crowded settlements, stagnant water and poor sanitation enable dengue to spread quickly. Yet, despite multiple warnings from activists, migrant colonies remain low on the priority list for civic authorities. Basic health camps, sanitation efforts, and mosquito-control drives are rarely conducted, leaving these already vulnerable communities exposed as dengue cases continue to rise in Bengaluru.

The GBA department is expected to carry out mosquito fogging, conduct healthcare campaigns, and set up basic services in migrant colonies. However, when BM attempted to contact officials to know about the measures undertaken, they remained unavailable for comments. Migrant workers alleged that while officers frequently visit their settlements to threaten them to vacate the land, no one shows up when it comes to providing essential improvements.

Recently an incident led to the suspension of an Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) for allegedly intimidating workers and damaging their makeshift homes in an attempt to evict them. "Officers only show up to threaten us," one worker said. "No one comes here for reforms."

No basic amenities

There is no proper sanitation for women in these migrant worker colonies, nor any accessible healthcare facilities for the families living there. In April, authorities in West Bengal had announced that funds were allocated to set up a hospital for migrant workers in Bengaluru, but the plan stalled due to administrative issues.

During a recent protest at Freedom Park, labour unions and migrant workers demanded that BPL cards be made available to them in the city, pointing out that their earnings are barely enough to cover rent and food, leaving nothing for emergencies or medical care. They also said that although welfare schemes exist on paper, migrant workers are unable to access these benefits, leaving them vulnerable in times of illness or crisis.

"For these families, a BPL card is essential to access even the most basic welfare services. The two earlier deaths in this settlement also happened because the illnesses were never recognised as serious," said R Kaleem Ullah of the All-India Shramik Swaraj Kendra, which works closely with migrant labourers in the city. "Many of these workers are part of the garbage collection network, yet they continue to live and work without proper sanitation, waste segregation facilities, or any protective measures. Their infants often remain beside them while they handle waste, which only increases the health risks. There is no awareness, and no preventive systems in place."

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I, John Anthony S S/o Susainathan, R/o No.4, K. NO. 454K, Ground Floor, 9th Cross, Kempegowda Layout, R.K. Hegde Nagar, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560077 Have changed my Religion from Christianity to Hinduism wef.23.07.2025 also changed my name to G Veera Ragavan.

I, Hamisini Bhat Vamanjoor D/o Vedavyasa Bhat Vamanjoor R/o 34/2 GF No 57 Flat No-202 BVC Residency Basavanagudi B'lore-560004 have changed my name to Hamsini Bhat Vamanjoor

I, Supritha W/o Hameed Jamsheed R/o #7, KEMP Road , Frazer Town B'lore-560005 have changed my name to Fiza Fathima Taj.

I, Megha Jain Resident Flat B-1002, Glen Gate, House of Hiranandani, Devinagar, Blr-560092, changed My Minor Daughter Name from Mahii Jain to Aadhya Jain for all further purposes. (Reference Date of Birth 08/07/2022 & Passport No X9770270).

I, Penumucha John Frances Rao, R/o No. M-29, 2nd Main, D Cross, Ramaiah Layout, KK Halli, St Thomas town, Bangalore- 560084, have changed my daughter name (minor) from Penumucha Jerusha Frances Rao to Jerusha Frances Rao.

I VATHSALA HEGDE W/o, Bantwal Venkatramana Hegde, Residing at, No 25,5th Main Road, Behind SVK Kalyan mantapa Jnanajyothi Nagar, Bengaluru 560056 have changed my name to VATSALA BHAT for all purposes

I, Venkat Palnat R/o 980, 4th Floor, 3rd Cross, 6th Block, HMT Layout, SBI Bank Road, Vidyaranyapura, B'luru-560097 have changed my minor son's name from V Nikhil to Nihar Sagar Palnat for all purposes.

I, Srikanth Panaman Lakshmanan S/o Panaman Lakshmanan Gangadharan R/o S-18 Lewis Glorious A2 Doddagubbi Main Rd Kothanur B'lore-560077 have changed my name to Srikanth Panaman

I, Misbah Kaunain A D/o Arif Khan R/o 75/3, 2nd cross, Chinnanna layout, Near GVR plaza, B'lore -560032 have changed my name to Misbah Kaunain

I, PRAMOD P BHUJANG @ PRAMOD BHUJANG, S/o Late. PRALHAD @ PRALHADRAO, Residing at No. LR-33, LIG Row Houses, Nandini Layout, Bangalore-560096, have changed my name to PRAMOD PRALHADRAO BHUJANG, vide affidavit dt: 06-12-2025 before notary Renuka C, B.lore.

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HEALTH TIP: Fatty fish such as salmon, mackerel, and sardines are rich in omega-3 fatty acids, which reduce triglycerides

Peach contains pectin, a type of soluble fibre that lowers cholesterol

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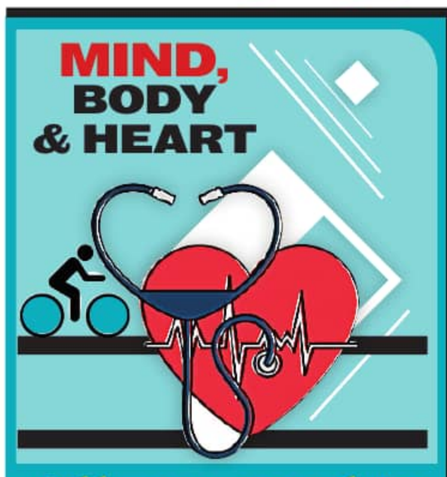

All you need to know about...

Asking for space

Drop hints
The easiest and ideal way to slowly cut off from someone would be to convey your messages through actions and gestures. Be less responsive to them. Don't reply to their texts or call immediately and take longer than usual to respond. Further you can also choose to not reply to some of their interactions at all.
Avoid physical contact such as hugs or handshakes.
Avoid making eye contact or speaking directly with them in social groups.

Distance not separation
Creating distance does not always equal separation. It merely indicates that you are drawing certain boundaries and limiting contact. This does not mean that you have to completely turn into a stranger, although in some circumstances, that might be the case.
Be less involved with them compared to usual. If you meet them every week then reduce it to once a month and then once every couple of months and so on.

Body language
Avoid sitting or standing right next to them. Physical gestures communicate at a subconscious level and you can judge a person's interest just by a person's posture and the way they behave. To subtly create a distance, avoid facing the person directly. Cross your arms or legs to create a closed off posture every time you interact with them.

Be honest
When all fails, honesty becomes the ultimate rescuer. There are times when people might not pick up hints straight away, in that case telling them how you feel politely would be the best course of action. Explain that you need space. Use 'I' sentences while talking to them so that they don't feel attacked.

—Femina

DINE LIKE A NAWAB

Hearty, indulgent dishes crafted to bring comfort to the season

LUCKNOWI-STYLE MUTTON CHOPS

Marinated in yogurt and spices, then slow-cooked with fragrant whole garam masala until rich, aromatic, and melt-in-the-mouth.

INGREDIENTS
- Mutton chops (washed & pat dried)- 6–8 pieces
- Thick yogurt(Curd) (whisked)- 1 cup
- Ginger-garlic paste- 1 tbsp
- Red chili powder- 1 tsp
- Turmeric powder- ½ tsp
- Coriander powder- 1 tsp
- Cumin powder- ½ tsp
- Garam masala powder- ½ tsp
- Green cardamoms- 4–5
- Black cardamoms- 2
- Cloves- 5–6
- Cinnamon stick- 1-inch piece
- Black peppercorns- 1 tsp
- Onions (thinly sliced)- 2 medium
- Ghee (clarified butter)- 2 tbsp
- Salt to taste
- Fresh coriander leaves for garnish

METHOD
- Marinate the chops: Mix yogurt, ginger-garlic paste, chili powder, turmeric, coriander, cumin, and salt. Coat the mutton chops well and let them rest for at least 1 hour (overnight for best flavor).
- Prepare masala: Heat ghee in a heavy-bottom pan. Add whole spices (cardamom, cloves, cinnamon, peppercorns) and sauté until aromatic.
- Add sliced onions and cook until golden brown.
- Add marinated chops along with the mixture. Sear on high heat for 5–7 minutes.
- Lower the flame, cover, and cook slowly until the chops are tender. Add a splash of water if needed to prevent sticking.
- Once cooked, sprinkle garam masala and simmer for 2 minutes.
- Garnish with fresh coriander leaves.
- Serving Suggestion: Serve hot with sheermal, roomali roti, or plain basmati rice.
- A side of onion rings and lemon wedges enhances the Awadhi flavors beautifully.

PANEER MAKHANA KORMA

INGREDIENTS
- Paneer – 250 g, cut into cubes
- Makhana (lotus seeds/fox nuts) – 80 g, roasted in ghee
- Onion – 150 g (about 2 medium), finely chopped
- Tomato – 200 g (about 2 medium), pureed
- Ginger-garlic paste – 20 g (about 1 tbsp)
- Cashews – 40 g, soaked and ground to paste
- Yogurt or fresh cream – 60 g (about 4 tbsp)
- Ghee or oil – 30 g (about 2 tbsp)
- Green chili – 5 g (1 small), slit

Whole spices
- Cumin seeds – 5 g
- Cinnamon stick – 3 g
- Cardamom – 2 pods
- Cloves – 2 pcs

Powdered spices
- Turmeric – 3 g (½ tsp)
- Red chili powder – 5 g (1 tsp)
- Coriander powder – 6 g (1½ tsp)
- Garam masala – 4 g (¾ tsp)
- Salt – to taste (~ 8 g)
- Water – 250 ml (adjust for gravy consistency)

Fresh coriander – 10 g, chopped for garnish

METHOD
- Roast cashews and makhana in ghee until golden and crisp.
- Prepare a masala base by sautéing onion, ginger, garlic, chili, and tomato until soft, then blend into a smooth puree.
- Heat ghee, add cumin and chili powder, then stir in the puree. Cook until oil separates.
- Add turmeric, coriander powder, salt, and sauté briefly.
- Mix in paneer cubes, roasted makhana, cashews, and peas with water. Simmer for 5–6 minutes.
- Finish with garam masala, Kasturi methi, and cream. Garnish with coriander and lime juice.

MURGH TALE ALOO KA SALAN

It's a hearty, homestyle dish where chicken and potatoes are simmered in a spiced onion-tomato gravy, perfect with roti or rice.

INGREDIENTS
- Chicken (bone-in preferred)- 500 g
- Potatoes (peeled & cut into chunks)- 2 medium
- Onions (finely sliced)- 2 medium
- Tomatoes (chopped/pureed)- 2
- Green chilies (slit)- 2–3
- Ginger-garlic paste-1 tbsp
- Turmeric powder- ½ tsp
- Red chili powder- 1 tsp
- Coriander powder- 1 tsp
- Garam masala- ½ tsp
- Cumin seeds- 1 tsp
- Oil- 2–3 tbsp
- Salt to taste
- Fresh coriander leaves for garnish

METHOD
- Heat oil in a pan, add cumin seeds and let them splutter.
- Add sliced onions and sauté until golden brown.
- Stir in ginger-garlic paste, cook for a minute.
- Add tomatoes, turmeric, chili powder, coriander powder, and salt. Cook until oil separates.
- Add chicken pieces, mix well, and cook for 5–7 minutes until sealed.
- Add potato chunks and green chilies. Stir to coat with masala.
- Pour in 2 cups of water, cover, and simmer until chicken and potatoes are tender.
- Sprinkle garam masala, adjust salt, and cook for 2–3 minutes.
- Garnish with fresh coriander leaves.
- Serving Suggestion: Best enjoyed with steaming basmati rice, chapati, or naan.
- A side of cucumber raita or onion salad balances the spice beautifully.

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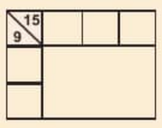
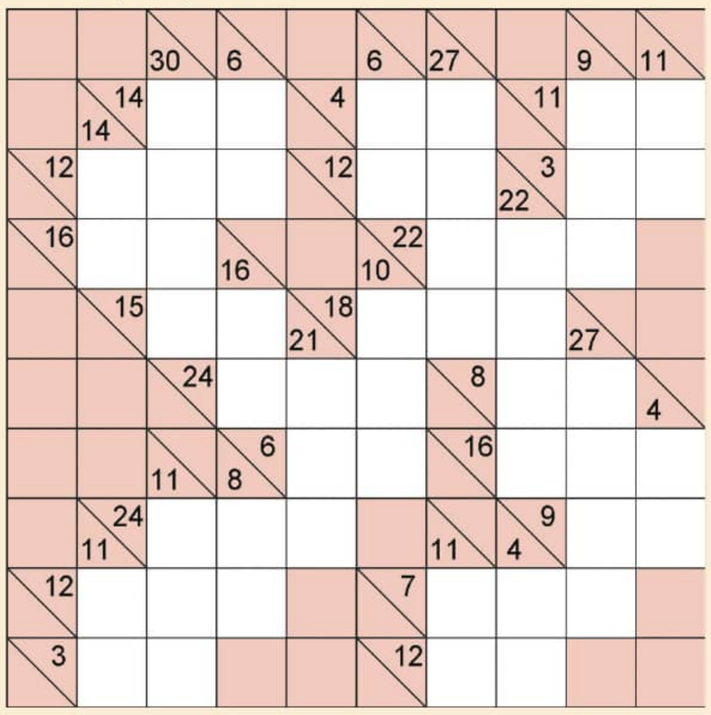
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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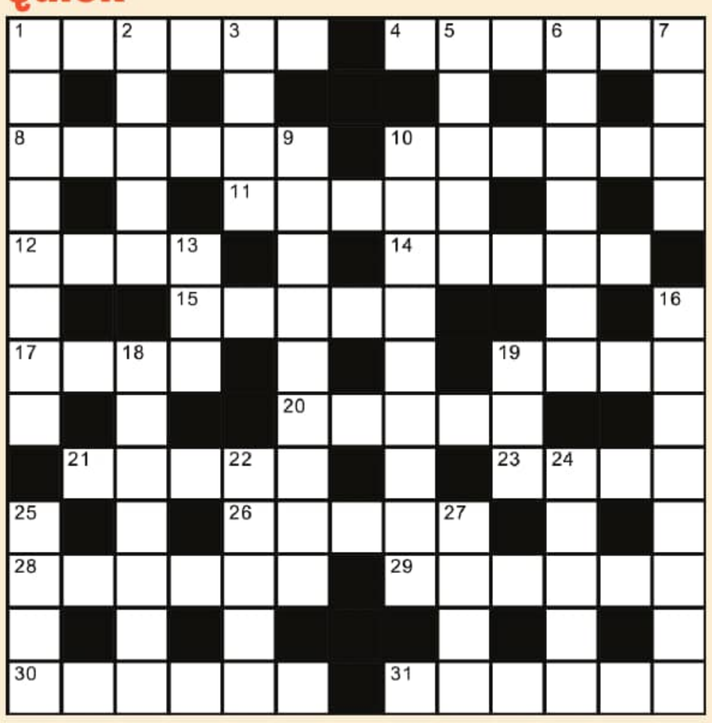


ACROSS

1 Writer (6)
4 Dazed state (6)
8 Swallow (6)
10 Cancel out (6)
11 Show unholy glee? (5)
12 Chaps (4)
14 Magistrate's hammer (5)
15 Stretchy synthetic fabric (5)
17 Battle group (4)
19 Cougar (4)
20 Islamic religious war (5)
21 Extremist (5)
23 One pound sterling (4)
26 In a frigid manner (5)
28 Grew less or diminished (6)
29 Spookier (6)
30 Used a razor, perhaps? (6)
31 Maintained (6)

DOWN

1 Seaport in east China (8)
2 Corroded (5)
3 Venomous South African viper (4)
5 Greek letter (5)
6 Level out (7)
7 Regretted (4)
9 Card gambling game (9)
10 National park home to many tigers and elephants (9)
13 Wily and cunning (3)
16 Strolled (8)
18 Tropical disease (7)
19 At once, in schort (3)
22 Wash out soap (5)
24 Combine (5)
25 Functions (4)
27 Yap like a pup (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS L

XII IPJT CRXC RXG LPC ZVWTLYGRWH ZPV WCG EXGT, WG IWUT X OXLGWPL EDWIC DHPL CRT GXLY.

Linemaro

I value my breath, so it would be nice if you didn't take it away every time you walked by

Mindchow

If criticism is untrue, disregard it; if unfair, keep from irritation; if it is ignorant, smile; if it is justified, it is not criticism, learn from it

Joke of the day

When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog so that someone in the house is happy to see you

Loop

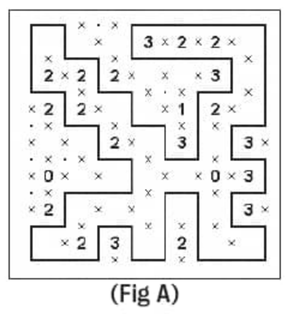
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

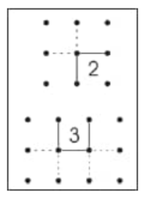
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

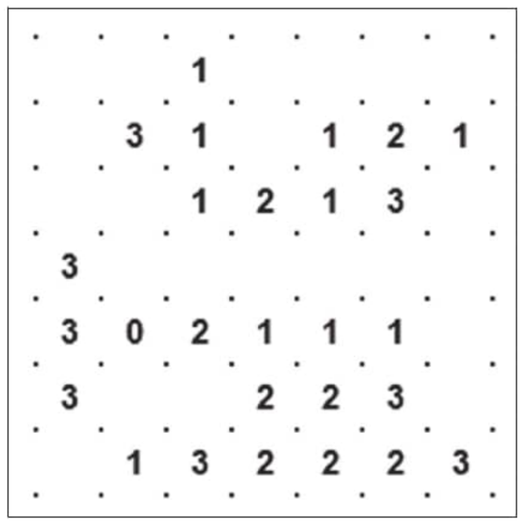
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



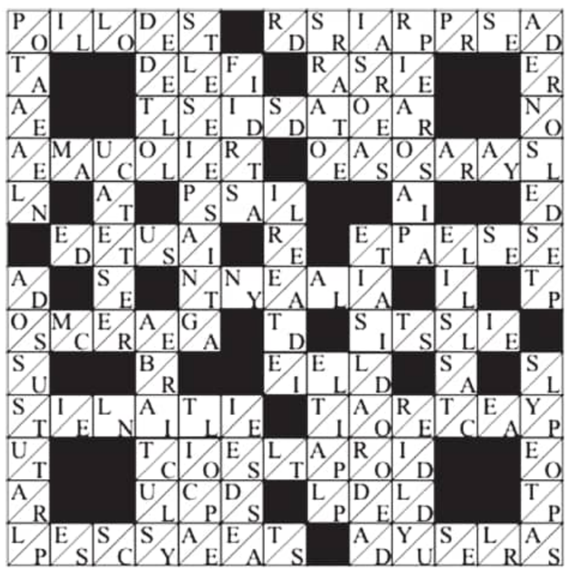
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



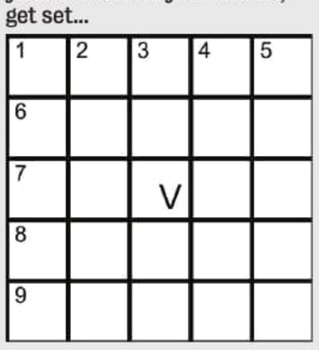
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 De Low; 6 OK Eve;
7 I Move; 8 Lento;
9 Big Sn

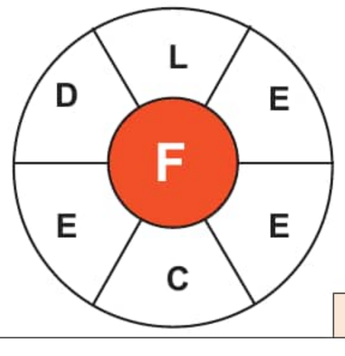
DOWN

1 Be mod; 2 Olio V;
3 We Nov; 4 In keg;
5 Steel

Mensapuzzle

Which number is missing from the box?

8	3	4
1	5	
6	7	2



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; **05** Good; **07** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	9		4		8			6
		2			3	1		9
	8		5				4	
					4			
	5	8				2	6	
			9					
	1				6		7	
6		7	2			8		
4			7		1		5	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 8

3 3 4 4

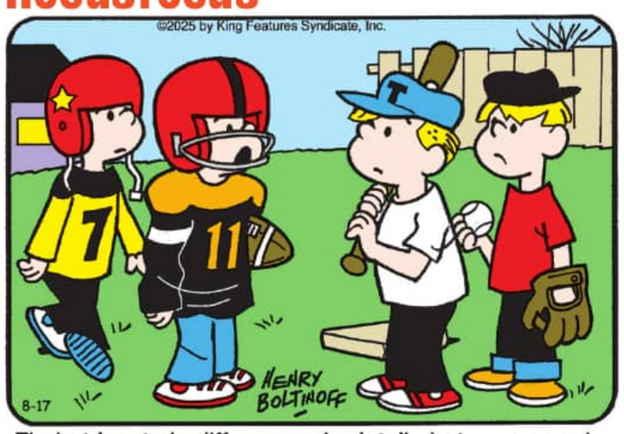
Medium = 9

9 7 6 5

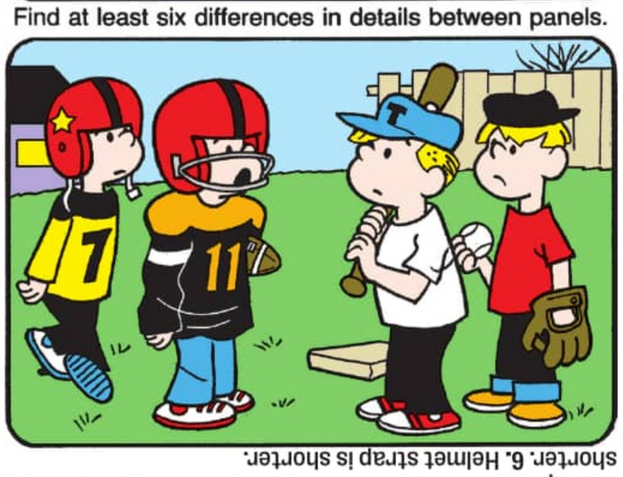
Hard = 2

1 8 8 2

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



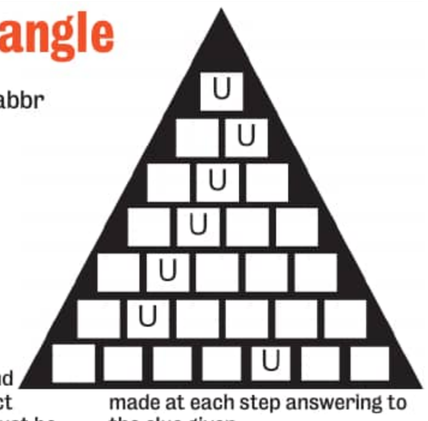
Differences: 1. Football is smaller. 2. Ann is not showing. 3. Stripe is added to helmet. 4. Base is moved. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Helmet strap is shorter.

Riddler

You walk into a room and see a bed. On the bed there are two dogs, four cats, a giraffe, five cows and a duck. There are also three chickens flying above the bed. How many legs are on the floor?

Alpha triangle

1 A type of turn
2 Delhi University abbr
3 Scheduled
4 Ill-mannered
5 Governed
6 Embroidered
7 Overture



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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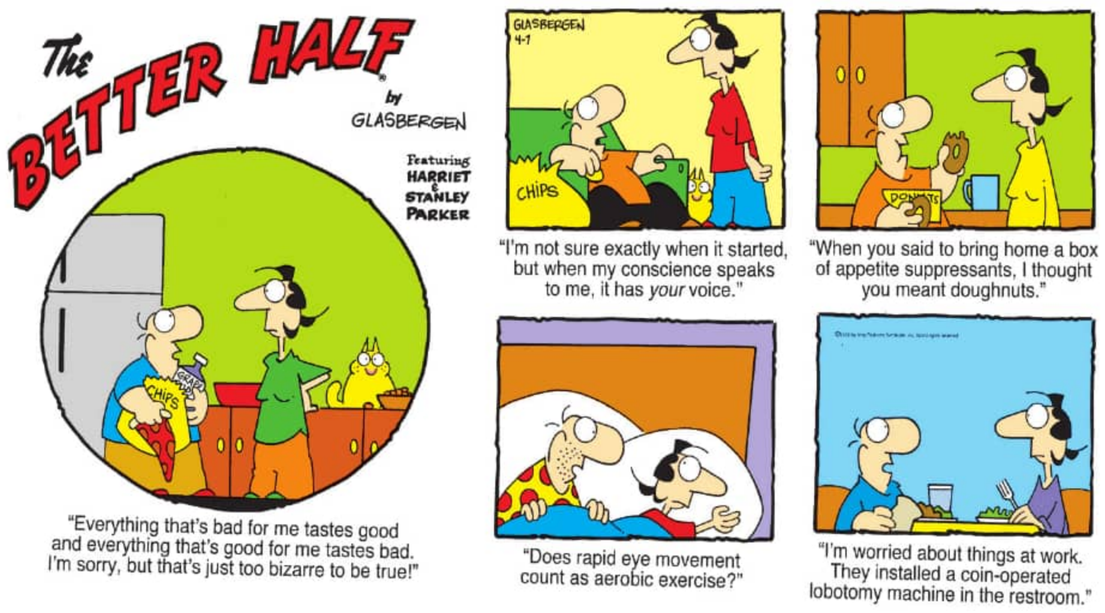
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"I'm not sure exactly when it started, but when my conscience speaks to me, it has your voice."
"When you said to bring home a box of appetite suppressants, I thought you meant doughnuts."
"Does rapid eye movement count as aerobic exercise?"
"I'm worried about things at work. They installed a coin-operated lobotomy machine in the restroom."

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A BIGGER NEST EGG.
A HOUSE-KEEPING ROBOT.
A LUXURY CRUISE.
FOR ME TO BE A BETTER LISTENER.
LONGER EYELASHES.
MY BRAIN CELLS BACK.
FIVE MINUTES OF PRIVACY IN THE BATHROOM.
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN MIND?
WELL, I HAVE A LIST OF THINGS SHE'S SAID SHE WANTS.
UM, WE SELL LINGERIE, NOT DREAMS.
THEN I'LL JUST GO WITH SOME NICE SUMMER PAJAMAS.
Fiona's Closet

FLASH GORDON
A woman in an Arborian survival suit with a man in a Sky City garment.
Allegiances unclear.
Patrol notes:
3/4 light: we spot two strangers in the jungle.
We maintain observation distance.
Half past 3/4 light: The strangers run into trouble.
The Lythebeast.
Man draws blade but has little luck.
We engage.
Lythebeast retreats, alive.
The man –"Flash Gordon"– is wary of our imperial uniforms–
–but relaxes once we explain ourselves.
We are deserters.
Living free of Ming for years in a colony made from our old gunship.
We escort them to camp to be vetted by brother leader–
–Airman SOJAS.
NEXT: INQUEST

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

You will experience intellectual restlessness. You have a compelling urge to challenge long-held assumptions, perhaps even your own! This is healthy, but avoid turning intellectual sparring into unnecessary conflict. Frame your queries as genuine curiosity rather than confrontation. A breakthrough in understanding a complex subject will provide immense personal satisfaction.

Aries Mar 21–Apr 20

An exciting day awaits you! Both work and home bring freshness and fun. Break free from monotony, explore new hobbies, adventures, and experiences that make you feel alive and inspired.

Taurus Apr 21–May 20

Today highlights personal matters and family harmony. Resolve lingering issues calmly and rationally. Open communication restores balance. Once clarity returns, productivity improves naturally, so stay composed, listen patiently, and decide wisely.

Gemini May 21–Jun 21

You're in command today! Your influence inspires others to follow your lead. Delegate confidently, lead with purpose. End your day with meditation to ground yourself and sustain calm leadership energy.

Cancer Jun 22–July 23

Work may disappoint slightly, but your heart will be full at home. Family warmth outweighs any professional setback. Cherish love, gratitude, and contentment, they'll remind you what truly matters.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Face fears headon today. Restart paused projects and approach love boldly. Taking courageous action invites happiness and rewards. By embracing challenges, you'll turn uncertainty into growth, success, and pure joy.

Virgo Aug 24–Sep 23

Boredom fades as new goals spark motivation. Whether career-driven or creative, pursue them passionately. You'll feel inspired, focused, and confident, just ensure consistency to transform enthusiasm into achievement.

Libra Sep 24–Oct 22

Work may temporarily distance you from loved ones. Balance is key, plan ahead and prioritise wisely. With thoughtful organisation, harmony between personal and professional life will return seamlessly soon.

Scorpio Oct 23–Nov 22

Stay open-minded and considerate today. Financial growth favours investments in property or shares. Your energy levels rise, use them for exercise, productivity, and maintaining your strong, steady rhythm of success.

Sagittarius Nov 23–Dec 22

You're in a lighthearted phase; career's stable, relationships thriving. Take a break, relax, and enjoy time with loved ones. Joy flows effortlessly, so embrace leisure without guilt or hesitation.

Capricorn Dec 23–Jan 20

Your charm captivates everyone today. At work, influence grows; in love, attraction deepens. Singles draw admirers easily. Balance ambition with affection; today brings success in both career and romance.

Aquarius Jan 21–Feb 19

Your insights carry weight today. Others seek your advice, trust your judgment fully. Financially, avoid overspending; save some for later. Intuition guides smart decisions in both work and money matters.

Pisces Feb 20–Mar 20

Organisation brings harmony to all aspects today. You're productive, composed, and motivated. Channel your abundant energy into work while appreciating personal balance. Luck flows effortlessly, use it to move forward.

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SOLUTIONS

RIDDLER Since all of the animals are on the bed and no other furniture is mentioned in the room, there are six legs on the floor. Four legs from the bed and your own two legs as you stand in the room, amazed that someone managed to get so many animals onto a bed. And the ceiling must be vaulted to fit a giraffe.

SOLVE IN 1M
= 5+11 ÷ √36 (3)
= 16÷6 (3)
= 8÷3 (3)
= 24÷3
= 8

FAST FIVE

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
9. Each row, column and diagonal adds up to 15.

QUOTE UNCODE
All love that has not friendship for its base, is like a mansion built upon the sand.

BULL'S EYE
clef, feed, feel, fled, flee, fleece, FLEECED

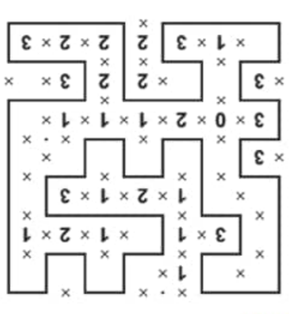
SUDOKU

7	9	3	4	1	8	5	2	6
5	4	2	6	7	3	1	8	9
1	8	6	5	2	9	3	4	7
2	7	1	8	6	4	9	3	5
9	5	8	1	3	7	2	6	4
3	6	4	9	5	2	7	1	8
8	1	5	3	9	6	4	7	2
6	3	7	2	4	5	8	9	1
4	2	9	7	8	1	6	5	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
U, DU, Due, Rude, Ruled, Purled, Prelude.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 + 4−3 + 4 = 8
6 + 7 + 5−9 = 9
Medium
Hard
2 x 8 \ 8 x 1 = 2

LOOP



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Toyota Begins "Remember December" Campaign with Never-Before Benefits

Toyota has relaunched its much-awaited "Remember December" 2025 campaign, offering never-before year-end benefits and an enhanced buying experience on the Hyryder, Glanza and Taisor. Continuing its year-end tradition, this nationwide initiative delivers a rewarding, value-driven opportunity for customers looking to upgrade to a Toyota.

The campaign brings a host of value additions designed to make Toyota ownership more accessible & reassuring. Customers can now enjoy an extended 5-year warranty, along with a low ROI starting at 5.99%, enabling easier purchase options. Selected models also offer benefits up to ₹1,50,000, adding even more value for buyers this season.

The Hyryder, Toyota's strong-hybrid SUV, stands out with its impressive 27.97 km/l mileage and an exceptional 1200+ km range, offering unmatched efficiency for both city and long-distance drives. The Taisor brings stylish versatility, while the Glanza remains a practical, reliable choice for everyday comfort, ensuring there is a Toyota for every lifestyle.

Understanding diverse customer needs, Toyota has introduced special benefits for Government, Corporate and Rural buyers. Further enhancing the upgrade experience, Toyota U-Trust offers a best-price, transparent evaluation and exchange process, making it easier than ever to transition to a new Toyota.

Aligned with Toyota's customer-first philosophy, the campaign ensures a smooth, transparent and hassle-free experience, supported by paperless processes, digital payments & simplified documentation across dealerships nationwide.

These limited-period offers are available across Toyota dealerships throughout December or until stocks last, making this the perfect opportunity to drive home a Toyota and end the year on a truly high note.

TOYOTA PRESENTS DRUM TAO
REMEMBER DECEMBER
TOYOTA
LOW ROI OF 5.99%*
+
CORPORATE & EXCHANGE OFFERS*
+
EXTENDED WARRANTY OF 5 YEARS*
URBAN CRUISER HYRYDER
THE COOL NEW TOYOTA GLANZA
COOL. CONNECTED. Awesome
STARTING FROM ₹6.39 LAKH* | MILEAGE 22.94 KM/L**
URBAN CRUISER HYRYDER
ADVANCED. HYBRID. Awesome
STARTING FROM ₹10.94 LAKH* | MILEAGE 27.97 KM/L**
*Terms & Conditions apply. Consumer offer comprises total benefits and should not be construed as a cash discount. Insurance, road tax, cess & other charges extra will be applicable on ex-showroom price.
**Fuel efficiency as per CMVR test; actual may vary. Creative visualization. Vehicle image not taken while driving. Scheme Offers valid till 31st Dec 2025.

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